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Date November 8, 1962

[redacted] said he resides at [redacted]
[redacted] and is
employed as [redacted]
[redacted] He said
he is married and has three children, ages 7, 8 and 13.

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[redacted] said that he was born and raised in Kansas City on the north side and lived there for the first 34 years of his life. In 1961 he left Kansas City and went to Tucson, Arizona, where he lived and worked for about four months and then to Louisville, Kentucky, for approximately eight months. In August, 1962, he left his position in Louisville and returned to Kansas City where he obtained employment for the [redacted] which has the lease of the Drug Department at the above discount house. He arrived in Milwaukee in August, 1962, and at that time contacted BUSTER BALESTRERE, who he claimed was the only individual he knew in Milwaukee.

[redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE's oldest brother, JOHN, and that JOHN went crazy and died when [redacted] was quite young.

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[redacted] said that BUSTER did not know that he was coming to Milwaukee but helped him get located, and their families have associated mostly on Sundays since his arrival. He said that shortly after his arrival here he and BUSTER were at the Holiday House and ran into JOE GURERA whom he had known casually from Kansas City but was surprised to see because he did not have information that GURERA was in Milwaukee. He said that GURERA and BUSTER were the only two individuals he knew in Milwaukee, and for this reason he and his family have associated with their families jointly and individually since his arrival.

He said that he has been both to GURERA's and BUSTER's home and that they have been to his home.

He disclaimed any knowledge as to their activities or their employment or lack of employment. He said that he did not want to get mixed up in their activities as he had all he

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by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 11/2/62

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could do to handle his job and take care of his family. He explained that he works daily except Sunday from nine AM to ten PM, except recently he has been taking Wednesday and Thursday evenings off. [] does not desire to stay in Milwaukee over a year and is hopeful of being transferred back to Kansas City in that time.

He said that he has never met PETER BALISTRERI, who is a next-door neighbor to BUSTER. He explained that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE are brothers-in-law and seem to get along together in good shape.

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[] explained that he grew up in the north end of Kansas City and is familiar with the reputation of GURERA, who was associated with the CIVELLA brothers and TOM SIMONE, who have the reputation in Kansas City for being hoodlums.

[] said that he knew all of these individuals and many others, having grown up with them, but he does not approve of their activities and does not associate with those people. On the other hand feels that as long as they treat him right he is not inclined to take any action in the way of questioning or correcting their activities.

Date November 5, 1962

The following observations were made by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN on October 29, 1962:

At 1:20 PM, GURERA's car was spotted in the parking lot to the rear of Gallagher's Restaurant, 829 North 3rd Street. Also observed was a 1963 light blue Chevrolet, Wisconsin license A75-995 (registered to STEVE DE SALVO and previously carried on a 1961 Pontiac operated by him until the last few days).

At 2:33 PM, DE SALVO was seen to hurriedly enter the above 1963 Chevrolet and obtain his coat and then hurry to the front of Gallagher's. At this point he entered the back seat of FRANK BALISTRERI's car which was already occupied by the latter and JOE GURERA. They proceeded to the Bockl Building located at 20th and Wisconsin Avenue and for approximately fifteen minutes after their arrival GURERA and DE SALVO were observed to remain in the lobby with FRANK BALISTRERI not being in evidence. GURERA and DE SALVO were not seen until all three of them left the Bockl Building at 4:55 PM when they returned to Gallagher's Restaurant and split up.

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Date October 8, 1962

The following observations were made by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN on October 2, 1962:

At 1:30 p.m. JOE GURERA's car was observed in front of 1012 South 1st Street, and GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE were having a conversation in front of the address. At 1:40 p.m. STEVE DE SALVO arrived, parking his car on Mineral Street between 1st and 2nd. The three of them then went inside the address with GURERA and DE SALVO emerging at 1:45 p.m. and spent a few minutes talking in GURERA's automobile, both departing at 2:02 p.m.

Upon leaving this address they drove to the Radio Communications Company, 1020 East Land Street, where they arrived at 2:14 p.m. At 2:26 p.m. they left this place and proceeded to Star Brite Cleaners, 2501 North Humboldt Street, arriving at 2:31 p.m. They remained inside for a short time and at 2:36 p.m. emerged and talked on the sidewalk for a couple of minutes with [REDACTED]. They left this address at 2:38 p.m. and the surveillance was discontinued at this point.

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At 3:25 p.m. they were again observed in front of 1012 South 1st Street sitting in GURERA's car and talking; at 3:35 p.m. a third man was observed in the rear of the car. This individual subsequently left in a 1955 Chrysler bearing license [REDACTED] at 3:50 p.m. This car is registered to [REDACTED]

These three individuals discontinued their conversation at 3:44 and entered Acino Cleaners with DE SALVO and GURERA first removing something from the trunk of GURERA's car which they took into the cleaners. It was not possible to observe the nature of this object.

At 3:50 p.m. in addition to [REDACTED] STEVE DE SALVO left and GURERA departed at 4:10 p.m.

BUSTER BALESTRERE remained at Acino's except for a few moments to go to the restaurant across the street until 5:02 p.m. when he departed.

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by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/lmp Date dictated 10/5/62

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Date December 12, 1962

[redacted] who is [redacted] North Central Airlines, 710 North Plankinton, Milwaukee, advised that North Central had two flights from Milwaukee to Chicago connecting with Kansas City flights on November 20. The first was North Central flight 468 which left Milwaukee at 7:30 p.m., connected with TWA flight 123 leaving O'Hare Field, Chicago at 8:35 p.m. The other is North Central flight 238, which left Milwaukee 8:15 p.m., connected with Braniff flight 351 leaving Chicago 10 p.m. arriving Kansas City 11:10 p.m.

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[redacted] checked the manifests and exhibited them to writer for these two flights and no passengers were noted which appeared to be possibly identical to the Subject.

[redacted] said that he did not know of any other connections that could be made out of Milwaukee other than driving to O'Hare Field which would permit a person to be in Milwaukee around 7 p.m. on November 20 and also in Kansas City, Missouri prior to 11 p.m.

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by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/lmp Date dictated 12/6/62

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Date November 14, 1962Transb6
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World Airlines, 29 East Madison Street, Chicago, was telephonically requested to check TWA manifests for September 9 which he did and called back same date advising that there was no indication that JOE GURERA used TWA services to Kansas City September 9.

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Date November 14, 1963

[REDACTED]

for Braniff Airlines, was telephonically contacted by direct line and returned the call on November 28, 1962 after checking his records. He advised that he could find no record reflecting travel by Subject under his true name from Chicago to Kansas City on September 9, 1962.

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[redacted] resides upstairs at [redacted]
telephone [redacted] and has been employed many years in
the [redacted]

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[redacted] He furnished the following information relative
to Subject who is not known to him by name but by sight
by virtue of the fact that [redacted]
[redacted]

He has noticed a number of times that sizable groups of
people were at his neighbor's apartment, apparently all
being of Italian origin, and he has noticed that these
could be family gatherings because of the fact that women
are in attendance. He said they meet around a large table
in the sun porch area of the apartment located on the west
end of the building.

On 1/10/63 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257
by SAs JOHN A. HOLTZMAN & ALBERT B. KNICKREHN Date dictated 1/16/63
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Date: February 13, 1963

Transmit the following in _____
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To: SAC, Milwaukee (92-257)

✓ From: Director, FBI (92-4690)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERINGReButel 2-12-63, captioned, "Anthony Joseph Biernat,
aka., Missing Person - Murder."

Investigations conducted by the Milwaukee Office in connection with the Criminal Intelligence Program indicate that during the past year hoodlums with close ties in Kansas City, Chicago and Las Vegas have appeared in the Milwaukee area and have been taking an active part in the gambling field and in other areas susceptible to domination by racketeers.

Your reports indicate that Joseph Frank Gurera arrived in Milwaukee from the Kansas City area early in 1962. He promptly joined up with former Kansas City hoodlum "Buster" Balestrere and Milwaukee muscle man, Steve DeSalvo, in shaking down Milwaukee gamblers and tavern owners and collecting periodic tribute payments. Informants have advised that this group had, at one time, considered killing a Milwaukee gambler in order to demonstrate that they had no reluctance in resorting to violence in order to keep everyone in line and to facilitate obtaining additional payoffs in that area. Although Frank Peter Balistrieri is the alleged head of hoodlums in Milwaukee, certainly, the results achieved by Gurera in Milwaukee, have increased his stature and standing among the hoodlums.

According to information furnished by your informants, the recent attempted invasion by the Gurera group into the jukebox business in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and the opposition to their efforts on the part of Biernat leads to the speculation that this is a logical and excellent motive for the Biernat murder.

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Airtel to Milwaukee
RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

It is noted that arrival of Gurera in Milwaukee was promptly reported by our informants, along with his plans to organize gamblers in that area and to put gambling on a paying basis insofar as the racketeers were concerned. The acquaintance-ship of Milwaukee hoodlums with other area hoodlums such as Sam Giancana and Felix "Milwaukee Phil" Alderisio of Chicago; John Drews of Las Vegas; and Thomas Simone and John Molle of Kansas City, has been documented. What part has been played by other area hoodlums in the recent machinations of the Milwaukee group has not been determined.

Bearing the foregoing in mind, and in connection with our responsibilities in the criminal intelligence field to fully develop information regarding criminal activities, criminal influence and domination by racketeers, the Bureau desires that you immediately intensify all phases of your Criminal Intelligence Program. This intensification includes and applies to the following cases currently under investigation in your office:

John J. Aiello, Bureau file 92-5919
Frank P. Balistreri, Bureau file 92-3116 94-316 ✓
Steve J. DeSalvo, Bureau file 92-5134 92-165 ✓
Joseph Frank Gurera, Bureau file 92-4690 92-257 ✓
John C. Rizzo, Bureau file 92-5012 92-164 ✓
Eustiano Veto Balestrere, Bureau file 92-5130 92-166 ✓
William Covelli, Bureau file 162-777 162-49

In addition, you should open cases and immediately commence active investigation on the following individuals under the Anti-Racketeering ~~operation~~:

[redacted] aka [redacted]
[redacted] aka 94-316-171 mem. 94 rel
[redacted] aka [redacted] 91-822
Francis Stelloh mem. rel. no main file
Walter Brocca 92-57

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A weekly summary airtel is to be submitted on all of the above cases except Gurera. The initial report on the above-listed individuals is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by March 1, 1963, and thereafter reports are to be submitted without fail on a thirty-day basis.

Airtel to Milwaukee
RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

It is to be noted that retel advised that if investigation establishes that Biernat's murder was a part of the gangland tactics to take over control in Wisconsin and to move into the slot machine business,* then you should develop further evidence in connection with this killing. In order to facilitate administrative handling, any information developed concerning the Biernat murder should be included in your Anti-Racketeering case captioned, "Joseph Frank Gurera, aka., AR," Bureau file 92-4690. Beginning at once, a daily teletype should be submitted to the Bureau in connection with this matter under the Gurera caption.

Sufficient personnel are to be assigned to your Criminal Intelligence Program and to the Gurera matter in order that our responsibilities in this field are thoroughly and completely handled. You should give this matter close personal supervision.

Re Biernat
1. Your summary report on the Biernat case mentioned in retel should include what progress you have made along the lines of investigative endeavor set forth in your teletype of 1-26-63. In addition, furnish your recommendations as to the feasibility of conducting an all-out investigation of the jukebox business in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin in order to determine the degree of criminal influence and "take over" by hoodlums in this industry. Also, in connection with the Biernat matter, it appears that your informant, [redacted] has furnished excellent information and with additional cultivation and possible promise of lump sum payments, may be induced to furnish additional valuable information in this case. His statement that [redacted]

4 [redacted] warrants further investigative inquiry. It is recalled that in a previous Theft From Interstate Shipment case in the Chicago Office, information was developed that [redacted]

5 [redacted] Details of this modus operandi should be obtained from the Chicago Office, along with backgrounds of the individuals involved. You should also keep in mind that an FBI Laboratory report indicates that footprints found at the grave site may be of value in comparison with shoes of suspects.

* and jukebox business

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Airtel to Milwaukee
RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

General
At the present time, you are not utilizing any highly confidential sources. Other offices have found this to be a most effective investigative technique and a highly valuable source of information. Agents conducting investigations in the Criminal Intelligence field should, at all times, be alert to the potential use of such an aid. Whenever you determine it is feasible to use such sources, you should promptly submit your recommendations and request for survey. In a separate communication, advise within ten days any plans you have or recommendations you have with respect to utilization of any highly confidential sources.

The Bureau desires that your entire Criminal Intelligence Program be accelerated. Any information developed in connection with the Biernat matters should be carefully and relentlessly pursued. Keep Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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Date January 28, 1963

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by SA (K) [redacted] mp Date dictated 1/22/63

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date January 28, 1963

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, may
be obtained by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum issued to

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On 1/16/63 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/22/63

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)

DATE: February 27, 1963

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) - RUC -

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Reurletters 12/12/62 and 1/29/63, Kansas City letter to Milwaukee, 1/31/63 captioned "THE CRIMINAL 'COMMISSION'; ET AL - MILWAUKEE DIVISION AR - CONSPIRACY," and reurtel, 2/2/63.

Enclosed herewith is an excerpt of a criminal intelligence brief of the Kansas City Division, dated October 2, 1962, consisting of pages 11 through 23. This is self-explanatory as to the background of the criminal organization in Kansas City.

On January 23, 1963, [redacted] advised SA JOHN M. GATTIS, JR. that it was their opinion GURERA went to Milwaukee for family reasons because he was invited by his brother-in-law, FRANK BALISTRIERI. The reason they believed this is due to the fact that approximately a year before GURERA moved to Milwaukee they had a conversation with him and at that time he mentioned the fact that he would like to move to Milwaukee because his wife would like to live closer to her relatives, however, he could not go at that time because his son was attending a college close to Kansas City and he did not want to move off and leave him. GURERA also indicated that BALISTRIERI had invited him to move to Milwaukee.

CIs stated that if [redacted] had anything to do with GURERA moving to Milwaukee they had no knowledge of it. They indicated that when CHARLIE BINAGGIO was in power, that [redacted] and GURERA were his "hatchet men," however, upon his death in 1950, TONY GIZZO took over, and GURERA lost favor with GIZZO and was cut out, and as a result never gained favor with the Northend Italian element. On the other hand, [redacted] went with GIZZO and has always been one of the "Clique." Since [redacted] and GURERA split up there has always been a certain amount of jealousy between the two, however, if [redacted] were going to run GURERA out of Kansas City CIs believed it would have been long before this.

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As for the set-up of the "Syndicate" in Kansas City, CIs advised it is run by JOSEPH FILARDO and JOSEPH CUSUMANO of the Roma Bakery, Kansas City, Missouri, and that NICK CIVELLA takes orders from them.

As for [REDACTED], CIs advised that they have never known him to be deeply involved with hoodlum activities in Kansas City, however, he is [REDACTED] JOHN MANGIARACINA. [REDACTED] GURERA.

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CIs advised that they have heard of [REDACTED] and are aware of the fact that he is connected with the hoodlum element in St. Louis, Missouri. However, if he was ever active in Kansas City, CIs had no knowledge of it. They stated [REDACTED] is possibly a friend of THOMAS SIMONE and NICK CIVELLA.

CIs advised that if GURERA is active in the Milwaukee hoodlum organization, that it was made possible by his brother-in-law, FRANK BALISTRERI. CIs are of the opinion that BALISTRERI is still the operating head of the Milwaukee hoodlum organization, and is just using GURERA for his front man.

On February 4, 1963, [REDACTED] advised SA ROBERT J. DENEEN that he has not heard anything about or seen JOE GURERA who is from Milwaukee. At the same time he was shown a picture of BUSTER BALESTRERE and stated that he has not seen this man around Kansas City.

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Referenced Kansas City letter of January 31, 1963, captioned THE CRIMINAL "COMMISSION"; ET AL, encloses for the Milwaukee Division a copy of an airtel from St. Louis dated January 18, 1963. This airtel contains information concerning GURERA and his possible membership in the "family" or "Causa Nostra."

Referenced Milwaukee letter of January 29, 1963 furnished a list of four Kansas City telephone numbers called from subject's residence in Milwaukee. The numbers called in Kansas City are [REDACTED] on November 28, 1962;

[REDACTED] on December 12 and 20, 1962;

[REDACTED] on November 16, 1962; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on November 15, 1962. The Kansas City

Criss Cross Telephone Directory reflects that number BA 1-6885 is listed to the City Wide Mortgage Company, 1007 Grand; GR 1-6444 is listed to the law office comprising numerous individuals, including [REDACTED], Argyle Building; BE 1-3558 was unlisted in the criss cross telephone book, however the Southwestern Bell Telephone book for December, 1962, indicates the following: [REDACTED] telephone

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[redacted] is listed to [redacted]
Information obtained from the City Wide Mortgage Company is set forth in the enclosed FD 302 (ten copies) and was furnished by [redacted] who advised that [redacted] is a vice president of the City Wide Mortgage Company and has talked with the GURERAs telephonically concerning their loan.

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The significance of the call to [redacted] at the home of [redacted] has not been determined. Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City and the files of the Record Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, were checked as to both [redacted] No record of [redacted] was found in either place. [redacted] is shown in the files of the Credit Bureau as having previously resided at [redacted] and on December 24, 1958 a marriage license was issued to [redacted] of [redacted] There was no police record of [redacted]

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[redacted] in Missouri, resides at [redacted] had three arrests for speeding. It is noted that [redacted] residence is located in the immediate vicinity of GURERA's Kansas City residence in that the address 9021 Delmar is on the corner of Delmar and 90th Street and Delmar is 4300 West. It is further noted that the name [redacted] appears as source of information for the listing of subject's residence at the J. C. Nichols Company, 310 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri. This residence was listed on January 7, 1963 by salesman [redacted] It is shown as a 4 bedroom home, owned by JOSEPH F. GURERA and [redacted] who now reside at 2608 East Newport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, telephone ED 2-6627. The asking price is \$48,000.00. Financing is through the City Wide Mortgage Company.

On February 11, 1963, [redacted] J. Lester Brown Realty Company, 5106 Johnson Drive, Mission, Kansas, advised that the Brown Realty Company had an "exclusive" to sell GURERA's residence at 9021 Delmar for \$52,000.00. This contract expired on December 5, 1962. [redacted] stated that the property was over priced and he had correspondence in the file indicating that he wished to recommend a lower price. On December 3, 1962, he wrote to GURERA, advising that the "exclusive" was expiring on the 5th and asked for a renewal. They received no answer to this letter. [redacted] file reflected a note to [redacted] GURERA's wife, returning the key to her on February 1, 1963. The property is now being handled by J. C. Nichols Company, who is in a joint "exclusive" with Brewer Realty Company. [redacted] of the Brewer Realty Company is trying to sell the home.

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On the same day, [REDACTED] was contacted concerning the home and stated that she contacts [REDACTED] to inform her of the number of people shown through the home and has succeeded in bringing the price down to \$46,000.00 but believes even at this price the home will be difficult to sell.

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INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED ON JANUARY 1, 1963 THAT GURERA POSSESSES TWO HAND GUNS, A .38 SNUB NOSE AND A .45 AUTOMATIC. SUBJECT IS THEREFORE IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2-25-63

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-3116)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (94-316)

SUBJECT: FRANK PETER BALISTRERI, aka
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Re Bureau airtel 2-13-63 captioned JOSEPH
FRANK GONERA, aka - AR.

The following information was obtained on 2-25-63 from
[redacted] Milwaukee PD:

Several weeks ago subject came into [redacted] office, unsolicited, and alone and said he wanted to talk to the inspector, who was tied up at that particular time and unable to give the subject any time. Subject has not been back since, but [redacted] believes that subject wants to determine a procedure whereby he can get the police department to reduce the heat which is "killing" his business at Gallaghers.

[redacted] said that he plans to get the word to subject to come in and see him, at which time he plans to tell the subject that if subject gets JOE GONERA out of town, there probably won't be as much heat. [redacted] feels that the time is ripe for such an approach because, in addition to subject's visit, mentioned above, he has heard from other sources that the local Italian community is "up in the air" because of all the heat, as evidenced by a recent meeting on 2-20-63 of the Italian Businessmen's Club held

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at Fazio's on Jackson. DOMINIC FRINZI, attorney for the outfit, brought GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO to the meeting as guests, and the police department surveillance squad, who had these individuals under surveillance, were in evidence outside Fazio's which fact created quite a furor among the Italian businessmen present.

On 2-25-63 [] related the above incident of Fazio's on Jackson and said that BUSTER BALESTRENE was also in attendance as a guest. He did not know if DOMINIC FRINZI or subject's brother, PETE BALISTRIERI, had brought these individuals, but did say that the Italian businessmen present were extremely disturbed by the police squad sitting outside during their meeting. This informant said the rumor is among Italian businessmen that GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRENE would leave Milwaukee in the next few months and return to Kansas City because the climate was not right for their operation in Milwaukee since they could not control the police department or any other public official of stature. Informant said that by reason of the BIERNAT killing, subject is getting heat from as far away as Elgin, Illinois because of the tightening up by law enforcement as evidence by the raid on the Vernon Hills Country Club at Antioch, Illinois about a week ago.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5134)
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-165)-P
SUBJECT : STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, aka
AR

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Investigation, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on BIERNAT murder, reflects additional individuals had knowledge of fact subject and JOE GURERA paid a visit to ANTHONY BIERNAT sometime during November, 1962. They were introduced to BIERNAT by BILL "WIESER" COVELLI, jukebox operator in Kenosha.

AUSA [] advised he still plans to subpoena both individuals to appear before Federal Grand Jury during the later part of the following week to testify regarding their purchasing of a body-packed radio fixed to the frequency of the Milwaukee PD.

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Surveillance conducted by Milwaukee PD reflects subject has been spending considerable time lately in the operation of Checker Cleaners, in which he is a partner.

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Subject has a 1962 Chevrolet, identification number 1839S222641.

STEVE DE SALVO, a close associate of the subject, has a 1963 Chevrolet, identification number 1839J130814, and another close associate of these individuals, FRANCIS J. STELLOH, has a 1958 Thunderbird, identification number H8YH113001.

As to the first two mentioned cars, the Chevrolets, they were bought new by the individuals involved, and it is requested that the dealer to whom these cars were shipped by the factory, be determined. It is likewise desired to have duplicate keys for these cars, and if this is possible, it is requested that the same be obtained.

As to STELLOH's Thunderbird, it was purchased second hand, and the only request is that a duplicate key be obtained if possible.

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FROM - SAC, MILWAUKEE /92-257/ P 1 P
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA, AR.

RE BIERNAT CASE.

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SIGN WAIVER.

ADVISE MILWAUKEE IF URINE SAMPLE OF VALUE TO LAB.

GURERA KNOWN TO POSSESS FIREARMS. CONSIDER A AND D.

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Date: 3/1/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4690)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257) (P)
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URGENT 3/4/63 10-58PM JCT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI/92-4690/³₄
FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE/92-257/

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA- AR. OO MILWAUKEE.

REBU AIRTEL 2-28-63, RE USE FGJ IN THIS CASE.

USA BRENNEN TODAY STATES WILL ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. WILL
MAKE THROUGH RESEARCH OF APPLICABLE STATUTES, REGULATIONS, AND
CORRELARY SITUATIONS AND ADVISE. WHEN RECEIVED THIS WILL BE
FURNISHED BUREAU WITH RECOMMENDATIONS.

S.A. TO WHOM CASE ASSIGNED TIED UP ENTIRE DAY ON TRIAL
OF AN UNRELATED MATTER. ANTICIPATE POSITIVE INFORMATION BASED
ON INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES AND SUCCESSIVE DAILY TELETYPE.

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Date: March 5, 1963

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Via AIRTEL _____
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To: SAC, Milwaukee (92-257)

✓ From: Director, FBI (92-4690)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reurtel March 1, 1963.

Urine specimens are of no value to the Laboratory in connection with this case.

During the course of your inquiries in the Biernat case, you should be alert for the following items which could be very pertinent in the solution of this case:

1. An examination of the clay markings submitted indicates that the shovel used by unknown subjects in digging the shallow grave which contained Biernat's body contains distinctive markings and characteristics that could, in all probability, be positively identified.
2. Examination reveals that the soil located in the vicinity of the grave site contains sufficient characteristics and minerals to render it somewhat unique. Therefore, particles of material found in the clothing of suspects should be carefully preserved and submitted to the Laboratory for comparison.
3. Victim's blood, Type AB or Type B with a weak A factor, is an unusual and rare type blood. It appears that any clothing worn by the perpetrators at the time of the attack on Biernat would undoubtedly contain particles of splattered blood in view of the nature of the attack on the victim. Therefore, any suspect clothing should be submitted to the Laboratory for microscopic blood testing.

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4. Suspect shoes should be submitted for a comparative examination since several shoe prints suitable for comparison were found on items located at the grave site.

5. Determined efforts should be made in an effort to locate the car used to transport the victim away from the original scene of attack. If located, this car should be meticulously searched for latent fingerprints, blood spots and other evidentiary items.

It is noted that during interview of suspect Principe, he refused to furnish palm prints and hair samples. If your investigation indicates that both of these items are of significant value, then further efforts should be made to obtain them. For example, you should make efforts to develop information regarding Principe's barber and, if properly handled, hair samples could be obtained through this source. Similarly, palm prints could be obtained from items handled by Principe, such as glassware, etc.

Continue to afford this investigation aggressive attention and continue to keep Bureau advised by daily teletype.

GURERA KNOWN TO POSSESS FIREARMS. CONSIDER ARMED
AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 3/5/63

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI(92-4690)

FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE(92 -257)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA. AR. OO MILWAUKEE-DAILY TELETYPE.
RE BIERNAT CASE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY SUBJECT IS PREPARING TO
MOVE FROM PRESENT RESIDENCE, BUT SPECIFIC PLANS NOT YET DI-
VULGED.

KENOSHA COUNTY, S.O. CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, [REDACTED]
ADVISED [REDACTED]
TONY BIERNAT, [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY TOLD
ANOTHER INMATE THAT IF HE IS NOT PAROLED SOON [REDACTED]
BLOW THE LID OFF KENOSHA AND OFF THE BIERNAT MURDER. THIS INDICATES
THAT [REDACTED] WHO HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED SEVERAL TIMES, MAY
HAVE WITHHELD INFO. [REDACTED] WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

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Date: 3/6/63

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4690)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA, AR - DAILY TELETYPE.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL, MARCH FIVE, LAST.

BUREAU OBSERVATION SINCERELY APPRECIATED AND EXTENDED EFFORTS
WILL BE MADE TO LOCATE SUITABLE EVIDENCE.

A COPY OF RE BUREAU AIRTEL SENT TO CHICAGO WITH AIR MAIL
COPY OF THIS TELETYPE TO HANDLE LEADS ON DOMINIC PRINCIPE.

AT AGENTS CONFERENCE, THIS DATE, FACTS OF THIS CASE AND
BUREAU DESIRES FURNISHED ALL AGENTS.

INFORMANT INFO RECEIVED THIS DATE THAT SUBJECT HAS MOVED
FROM TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT EAST NEWPORT TO NEW MILWAUKEE ADDRESS,
HOWEVER, LANDLORD STATES NO INDICATION OF MOVE AND RENT PAID
THROUGH MARCH TWENTY FIVE, NEXT AND SUBJECT HAS STATED DESIRE TO
REMAIN AT ABOVE ADDRESS UNTIL AT LEAST JUNE. HE CONTINUES TO
STAY HOME EVENINGS.

*Subject known to possess firearm
considerable amount of ammunition*

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Special Agent in Charge

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URGENT 3/7/63 11-25 PM JCT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI/92-4690/

FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE/92-2577

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA. AR.- OO MILWAUKEE- DAILY TELETYPE.
RE BIERNAT CASE.

INTERVIEWED ALBERT ALBANA THIS DATE AND HE DENIES ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF BIERNAT KILLING. DENIES KNOWING OF ANY OF THE
OTHER SUBJECT-S EXCEPT DOMINIC PRINCIPE, AND DENIES HAVING BEEN
TO MILWAUKEE AROUND CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR-S AS ALLEGED BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. HESITANT ABOUT TAKING POLYGRAPH, AND WOULDN-T SIGN
WAIVER UNTIL CONSULTED WITH ATTORNEY, BUT STATES WOULD PROBABLY
TAKE ONE ON BIERNAT KILLING ONLY. GURERA KNOWN TO CARRY FIREARMS
CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 3/7/63

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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)
 FROM: SAC, DETROIT (92-974) (RUC)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka.
 AR
 (00: Milwaukee)

Re Milwaukee letter to Detroit, 3/4/63.

Enclosed for Milwaukee, key, number 8351, for 1962 Chevrolet, VIN 21839S222641, and key, number 8999, for 1963 Chevrolet, VIN 31839J130814.

It is pointed out to Milwaukee that the number 2 and the number 3 should have preceded the VIN number of the 1962 and 1963 Chevrolet respectively in order to be correct. The enclosed keys were obtained with the complete number in mind. If the cars in question are not a 1962 and 1963 Chevrolet, additional keys must be obtained. It is pointed out to Milwaukee the key number of any car may be obtained through NATB or the assembling factory indicated by the letter in the VIN number.

On 3/7/63 [redacted] (NA), advised the 1962 Chevrolet was shipped to [redacted] Chevrolet, Kansas City, Mo., on 3/19/62 and was assembled with key number 8351. The 1963 Chevrolet was shipped to Humphrey Chevrolet on 10/24/62, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and assembled with key number 8999.

[redacted] advised it would be impossible to obtain a key number for 1958 T-Bird, VIN H8YH113001, as Ford Motor Co. does not record the key number. He said that shipping data for the 1958 T-Bird shows that it was shipped to Wiesman Motors, Weyauwega, Wisconsin, on 5/5/58. He said a key number could be obtained by contacting Wiesman Motors.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 3/6/63

FROM : SA William J. Higgins, Jr.

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SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact	
2/23/63	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO - AR	92-164 Higgins
WILLIAM COVELLI - IGA	162-49 Higgins
DOMINIC FRANK PRINCIPE - AR	92-318 Higgins
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA - AR	92-257 Holtzman
ALBERT ALBERT - AR	92-318 Miller
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Informant advised that there has been little or no talk amongst the infiltrated persons involved in recent activities in the Memphis San Diego , Ill. area relating to the RENNAT killing. There was general shock at the FBI entry into the case and finding of the body of RENNAT which was definitely not to be and the thought was that whoever "killed" the FBI as to the location of his body would also finger those involved.	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Security informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	

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To: SAC, Milwaukee (92-257)

✓ From: Director, FBI (92-4690)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA
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The scope of your investigation of the criminal activities of this subject and his associates should be sufficiently broad to develop full particulars of the extent of organized criminal activities in your territory and particularly in the Kenosha, Wisconsin, area. Your inquiries must be conducted in such a manner that all revelant material concerning the underworld is developed. Your investigation of Gurera and his associates should be so directed that the identities of the individuals responsible for the murder of Anthony Joseph Biernat will be determined. In this connection the report of SA John A. Holtzman 3/1/63 at Milwaukee in the case entitled "Anthony Joseph Biernat, Missing Person-Murder" has been reviewed at the Bureau.

The following leads are suggested as a result of a review of referenced report:

1. Weather conditions in the Kenosha area on 1/7-8/63 should be determined and recorded, including visibility, precipitation, if any, high and low temperatures during this period, and whether or not the ground was sufficiently warm to accept tire or footprints and whether bodies of water were frozen.

2. You should select a suitable individual who, according to your best estimate, is the weakest link but has knowledge of this crime. Thereafter, you should wage an all-out campaign including surveillances, interviews, use of highly confidential investigative techniques, etc., designed to secure this individual's cooperation. William Covelli, John Rizzo, Dominic Principe or Albert Albano may best fit into this category. Agents on the scene and participating in this investigation are in a better position to select one or two individuals as described in the foregoing.

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3. [] alleged to be []
[] Biernat, should be located and interviewed for any information
[] regarding Biernat. []

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4. [] should be reinterviewed regarding Biernat's contact by three men believed to be Joseph Gurera, Steve DeSalvo and William "Weaser" Covelli, who were attempting to muscle into his jukebox business. During one of the contacts of Biernat by these individuals, [] Biernat []

[]
[] However, according to other witnesses, []

In this recontact of [] the above should be resolved.

5. Determine the present status of Biernat's business, The Lakeside Music Company, and whether or not it is still in operation and, if so, by whom.

6. During the course of this investigation, several individuals indicated Biernat carried a substantial amount of cash on his person, yet there is no indication any money was recovered at the time Biernat's body was found. What, if any, significance can be attached to this development? Inquiries should be made to determine whether any of the money carried by Biernat may be identifiable.

7. Your attention is directed to page 16 of rerep which sets forth information furnished by [] indicating she noticed a suspicious car in the neighborhood shortly after the [] This automobile had out-of-state license plate number 30-330. No apparent effort was made to determine the registration for this plate. This should be done.

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8. You are referred to page 43 of this report wherein the United States Attorney, Milwaukee, advised that one [] had stated Biernat was killed []

[] During your interview of [] this particular item was not resolved nor is there any indication that he

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was specifically asked about Biernat's [redacted] b6
should be reinterviewed and specifically asked basis for his statement b7C
to United States Attorney, Milwaukee, that Biernat [redacted] b7D
[redacted]

The above-suggested leads should not be considered all inclusive but rather the ones that are readily apparent. You should carefully review and analyze rereport for additional leads and logical avenues of investigation.

In addition, you should assign sufficient personnel to this case to expeditiously cover these leads, as well as leads set forth in Milwaukee teletype 1/26/63; Milwaukee letter 3/1/63; Bureau airtel 2/13/63; and Bureau airtel 3/5/63. 17-86-34
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92-257-207 Advise the Bureau by airtel no later than 3/14/63 of the number of Agents exclusively assigned to these investigations, your detailed plans to accomplish the objectives of these inquiries and any likely areas of investigation not previously considered in the communications mentioned above. Expedite.